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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - PAN AM CARGO FLIGHTS

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1. AGREE WITH REFTEL VIEW THAT RESOLUTION OF THIS ISSUE IS NECESSARY IN THE NEAR FUTURE AND WITH IMPLICIT JUDGMENT THAT RETALITORY MEASURES OUTLINED PARA 1 REFTEL WOULD BE PREMATURE AND POSSIBLY COUNTERPRODUCTIVE. AT THE SAME TIME, WHILE REMAINING PREPARED TO TAKE MATTER TO THE PRESIDENT, WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE SUBSTANTIAL RECOGNITION IN LOWER LEVELS GOP AND IN PAL THAT A SOLUTION FAVORABLE TO BASIC RIGHTS OF PAN AM IS ESSENTIAL TO THE RELATIONSHIP.

2. PRIOR RECEIPT REFTEL WE WERE WEIGHING HERE THE POSSIBLE VALUE OF A VERSION OF PROPOSAL PARA. 3 REFTEL UNDER WHICH WE WOULD SEND A FOLLOW-UP NOTE TO GOP. THIS COURSE WOULD SEEM PREFERABLE TO POSING QUESTION WHETHER AUG 10 AGREEMENT CONSIDERED STILL IN EFFECT. PREDICTABLE ANSWER WILL BE POSITIVE AND WE WOULD THEN FIND OURSELVES IN STALEMENT OF CONFLICTING INTERPRETATIONS. THE MAIN POINT WE WISH TO MAKE, SKIPPING FORMALITIES, WOULD BE: "THE EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT, IN LIGHT OF THE FAILURE TO DATE TO FIND A BASIS FOR REINSTATEMENT OF THE ESTABLISHED CARGO PERMIT OF PAN AMERICAN WORLD AIRWAYS AT MANILA, IT IS NECESSARY TO SEEK CONSULTATIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PHILIPPINES RE-
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SPECTING THE DESIRABILITY OF IMPLEMENTING FURTHER STAGES OF

CARGO AND PASSENGER EQUIPMENT AND CAPACITY CHANGE AS CONTEMPLATED UNDER THE AUGUST 10, 1974, EXCHANGE OF NOTES. SINCE IT IS IMPORTANT TO THE PLANNING OF RESPECTIVE CARRIERS RELATED TO SUCH CHANGES AS NOW CONTEMPLATED FOR LATER IN 1975, THE EMBASSY REQUESTS THAT CONSULTATIONS BE UNDERTAKEN AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE."

3. AS TO THE TIMING OF THIS APPROACH, WE HAVE TWO MAIN CHOICES: TO PROCEED WITHOUT WAITING FOR A REPLY TO OUR JANUARY 2 NOTE, HOPING TO PROVIDE THEREBY SOME GREATER ASSURANCE OF A POSITIVE REPLY; OR TO DEFER THIS STEP UNTIL AFTER THE GOP REACTS, GAMBLING THAT THE REPLY WILL BE FAVORABLE WITHOUT FURTHER PRODDING. WE ARE INCLINED TO TAKE A FURTHER READING WITH MABILANGAN EARLY IN THE COMING WEEK, AND IF EVIDENT PROGRESS IS NOT BEING MADE TOWARD A SATISFACTORY SOLUTION, WE WOULD RECOMMEND GOING AHEAD WITH DELIVERY OF THE SECOND NOTE.

4. APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT REFLECTIONS AND SUGGESTIONS.
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